

NEGOTIABLE BILLS OF LADING

Washington State Bankers' Association Will Take Action at Coming Meeting.

LARGE SUMS ADVANCED ON CROPS AND MANUFACTURES

Loss Sustained on Fraudulently Altered Statements Supplied by Shippers—Aggregate of Three Billions Furnished on Shipments.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, June 4.—At the coming convention of the State Bankers' association, to be held here June 21, 22 and 23, the bankers of Washington will take action on the uniform negotiable bill of lading matter, which has been causing no end of embarrassment and trouble in the financial world for many years past.

The American Bankers' association has taken the matter up and has asked all the state associations to handle the question at their annual conventions.

P. C. Kauffman of Tacoma, secretary of the state association, who has studied the subject carefully, said today: "A year ago the American Bankers' association appointed a committee of five prominent bankers who were to send to congress a bill that could be handled by that body under its power to regulate interstate commerce."

The bill provided for uniform lading and made the same negotiable, so that the innocent purchaser or transferee would have collateral that he could depend upon.

Very heavy losses have been sustained by the banks owing to railroad companies allowing the article to be taken without presentation of the bill of lading, and through carelessness in drawing bills of lading shippers have been enabled fraudulently to alter the same even though the bills were what are termed "spotted bills," and hypothecate them with banks and obtain other advances.

MUST ACCEPT REDUCED DAMAGES OR NEW TRIAL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., June 4.—The verdict of \$22,000 in favor of W. J. Davidson against the Federal Mining & Smelting company has been cut down to \$10,000 by Judge Whitton in the United States district court for eastern Washington.

RICH GOLD DISCOVERY BY NEW YORK EXPLORER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Mexico City, June 4.—Professor William Niven, the New York archaeologist, now in a remote part of the state of Guerrero, gives news of a gold discovery in a letter to a friend here, written at Piacero del Oro. He says: "No gold discovery of recent years can compare with that at La Lucha. The vein is near the northern boundary of Guerrero in the state of Michoacan. It is from 10 to 20 meters wide and the streak just found is from one to six inches wide, being exposed every 100 meters. It will average \$10,000 to the ton."

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HEAVY DOWNPOUR AT ARLINGTON

Debris Piled Up on Residence and Store-Rooms Suffer. Some Damage.

WASHOUT DELAYS TRAINS NEAR TOWN OF BLOCKS

Today the Weather Is Fine and the Rain Is Said to Have Done a Great Deal of Good to the Crops in Eastern Oregon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Arlington, Or., June 4.—The heaviest rain in years occurred in this section yesterday, flooding parts of the city. The residence of N. P. Wallace in the south part of the city is covered with debris. Lord's store is filled with water. George Withrow, whose store is in the north end, reports the store room flooded and the streets covered with four inches of water.

There is no very serious damage here, but the town of Blocks was under a foot of water for several hours and the O. R. & N. suffered delay on account of the washout three miles east of Blocks.

No mail has been received here from Portland for the past 24 hours. The weather is fine today. The rain was good for crops. Trains are running regular today.

WHITMAN COLLEGE TO HOLD COMMENCEMENT

Elaborate Program This Week With Largest List of Graduates Ever Sent Out.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., June 4.—Commencement exercises this year will be more elaborate than ever before. Exercises begin tomorrow evening with a recital by pupils of the conservatory of music.

Another recital will be given Thursday evening and on Friday at the fortieth annual graduation of Pearson's academy, formerly Whitman college, a large class will be sent out. Saturday a special train will be chartered and a trip made to Walla Walla, the site of the old Whitman massacre, mission and grave, where the annual college picnic will be held.

In the evening the conservatory of music graduates, five in number, will give the recital. Monday evening the sophomore class will present "An American Citizen," for which they have been preparing for months. Tuesday will be given up to meetings of the board of trustees and the Choral union. Wednesday will be commencement day. Thirteen students, the largest number in the history of the college, will receive their diplomas at the commencement procession, which will be very elaborate, all alumni, trustees, faculty and graduates being in full academic costume of cap, gown and hood. The exercises will be held in the spacious lawn east of the Memorial building after which the procession will march to the gymnasium for the annual council dinner and to hear the program of after-dinner speeches.

TILLAMOOK'S PROGRESS ASSURED BY LEAGUE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tillamook, Or., June 4.—The Development league is meeting with unprecedented approval by citizens of this county. Most of the prominent business men of the city have subscribed to the constitution and have united in a harmonious effort to exploit the wonderful resources of the Tillamook country, long ago pronounced by experts to be the natural dairy country in the world. Recent investigation has shown its favorable qualities in other lines. Valuable coal veins have been uncovered and there are good prospects for natural oil and gas.

WHITMAN PIONEER HAS NEW OFFICIALS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., June 4.—The staff of the Whitman College Pioneer has selected new members for 1907. The honor of the editorship fell to Walter C. Fells of the sophomore class. Three vacancies were all filled by the election of Miss Marion O'Neill of the junior class, Harry Davenport and Edward Mason of the sophomore class. Other members for the coming year are Galus Greenslade, Edith Vestal and Helen McDougall.

FIGHT FOR STREET RAILWAY ENDED

Klamath Falls Rival Companies Must Use Same Tracks, Sharing Maintenance.

COUNCIL FINALLY SOLVES PROBLEMS BY ORDINANCE

Canal Company and A. H. Naftzger, Each Having Franchises, Struggle to Get Traction Laid in Order to Win Right of Way.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., June 4.—Settlement of the street railway controversy has been accomplished by the passage of an ordinance permitting any company or companies desiring the use of streets to obtain such privilege by paying pro rata the cost of construction and maintenance of such traction as may be installed.

In July, 1905, when the building of the California & Northwestern from Weed, California, to Klamath Falls was assured, A. H. Naftzger was granted a franchise by the town board for construction of a street railway system traversing the principal streets, construction work to be commenced not later than March, 1907, when the California & Northwestern is to be completed to the city.

Last July the Klamath Canal company, which sold its holdings to the government for \$120,000, bought considerable real estate adjacent to the city, and realizing that the promise of a street railway would greatly facilitate the sale of lots, was granted a franchise which for three blocks on Main street covered the same route as that previously granted to Naftzger.

This led the Naftzger people to hasten matters and three weeks ago material for their line arrived at the site of the Chicago & Northwestern, only awaiting good roads to be brought in by train.

The Klamath Canal company advertised for teams to haul their material from Pookama and the race was on to see which could be first on the ground with the steel. When teams arrived at Pookama the material was not there, and after the winter kept for a time, the teamsters began to tear up a switch of the Klamath Lake railroad and after a hard rush through mud almost as bad as in winter arrived at the town meeting, with four wagonloads of old rails.

DAMAGE TO O. R. & N. TRACKS FIFTY THOUSAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., June 4.—Damage to the O. R. & N. Co.'s tracks from the flood will amount to about \$50,000. The Howe truss bridge at Horsehorn curve is lying on its side lengthwise in the river about 150 feet below its piers. This leaves a gap of 300 feet in which will be driven temporary pilings. The truss bridge at Noll is also damaged. Between Youkam and Noll several small bridges were damaged and at Meacham creek, near Bingham, about 1,000 feet of track was washed out. Crews have been working day and night to place temporary tracks on piling and permanent repairs will be rushed.

ORGANIZE FOR ELECTRIC LINE TO PUGET SOUND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., June 4.—W. J. Patterson, A. J. West and A. F. Coates of this city, with C. H. Clemmons and George W. Ninemire of Montesano, will begin for articles of incorporation for the Grays Harbor & Puget Sound Railway company. Headquarters will be in this city, and the capital stock is placed at \$10,000. By the terms of the articles the company will be authorized to build and equip a steam, electric or any other kind of railroad, and to mine for minerals of any kind. They may also supply electricity.

New Church Location.

Seaside, Or., June 4.—Excavation for the M. E. church on lots lately purchased on Main street is nearly finished and the removal of the church to the new location has been commenced. This is a very desirable location and the work of the church will be greatly advanced by the change.

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AERONAUT LINCOLN BEECHY FALLS FROM AIRSHIP

Accident Due to Collapse of Long Triangular Framework—Will Try Again.

(Journal Special Service.) Cleveland, Ohio, June 4.—Thousands of people saw Lincoln J. Beechey fall from his airship at Luna Park yesterday. The accident was due to collapse of the long triangular framework beneath the balloon.

Beechey was rendered unconscious, but soon recovered and remarked that the framework was too light, indicating his intention to make another ascension as soon as the airship could be repaired.

Beechey had attempted to cross the city, but the air currents proved too strong and he was compelled to return to the starting point. He had almost reached the enclosure where the ship is housed, when the fragile frame buckled in the middle. He clung to the ropes while the propeller blades cut open the gas bag and the machine fell swiftly toward the buildings where thousands of avid spectators gazed in horror expecting to see him dashed against a wall or thrown lifeless on the ground.

The young aeronaut, however, threw out all his ballast and the remaining gas carried him upward for a brief time. When over an open field south of Luna Park he lost control of the balloon entirely and was thrown to the ground. To those who went to his assistance he was soon telling what he would do to make the framework more rigid.

Professor Knabenhus, he said, had expressed the opinion that the wooden frame, pointed at each end, which carries the engine, propeller and the driver of the machine, would prove strong enough. He had shared this opinion, but had changed his mind.

Lincoln J. Beechey was one of the most interesting attractions at the Lewis and Clark exposition. In the airship city of Portland, he made many successful trips and was shown to be entirely devoid of fear. On one of his flights he landed on the Chamber of Commerce building with ease and, circling over the city, returned to the exhibition grounds without accident.

Many who visited the fair recall his daring excursions into the upper air, and saw him sailing far overhead beyond the stately towers of the United States Government building, returning at will to the landing place. One occasion he met with an accident, his machine being returned to the trial grounds by means of wagons on terra firma, and continued his ascensions uninterrupted until the close of the exposition.

EUGENE GRADUATES BIG HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., June 4.—Graduates of Eugene High school, numbering 41, held commencement exercises last night before a large audience. Orations were interspersed with musical numbers. The class consists of the following: Ada Artyza Allen, Harry Herbert Armstrong, Ethel Beebe, Wilshire Bristow, Eva Burton, Ralph Carl Crow, Grace Pearl Dunn, L. Zelma Edwards, Jewel Marian Ellims, Mary Gittens, Bessie Mae Harlow, Chauncey Owen, Hattie Pearl Virginia Hawthorne, Kathleen Ermias Henderson, Grace E. Hobbs, Hazel Beatrice Humphrey, Marian G. Hurd, William George Irving, Fay George Jennings, Ethel May Johnson, Mabel Kuykendall, Earl Edwin Luckey, Homer Luckey, Roscoe Cyrus Lyana, Lola Freda McPherson, Josie Bird Moorhead, Leon LeRoy Myers, Rufus Fred Pickard, Floyd Harry Pounder, Mark Dresser, Rolfe, Jennie Agnes Sage, Estella Mae Sage, Frank Houston Swift, Emma Marie Travis, Herbert Vandryn, Morgan Watson, Jennie Gwynn Wetherbee, William Gwynn Williams, Bennie H. Williams, Lola Farwell Wright, Frances Pacard Young.

The officers are as follows: President, Ada Artyza Allen; secretary, Frank Swift; editor, Pearl Hawthorne.

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